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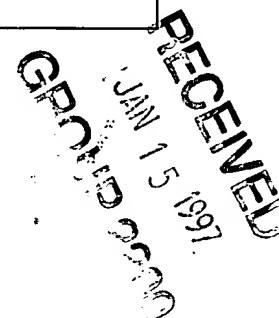
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97 et seq., the following references are brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the references and PTO Form 1449 are enclosed. Submission of the references are made without any admission that the references are prior to the Applicants' invention.

U.S. PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
Grantz, et al.	5,564,038	October 8, 1996
Cooper, et al.	5,563,946	October 8, 1996
Kleiman	5,515,538	May 7, 1996

#### OTHER REFERENCE

Prosise, Jeff, "PC Magazine DOS 5 Techniques and Utilities", pp. 365-367, Ziff-Davis Press, PC Magazine, Emeryville, California, 1991.

The year of publication of the "PC Magazine Dos 5 Techniques and Utilities" reference (i.e., 1991) is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date of the present application so that the particular month of publication is not an issue, and therefore, not included with the reference citation.

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I hereby certify that no item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to my knowledge, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

It is believed that the application is patentably distinguishable from the references cited above and consideration and allowance of the claims are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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